



## President's Message

Richard Schauer

**This Packard driver had no respect for Arbor Day. Scratch one palm tree. Wonder what the quick service sign is referring to?**

Spring is here and with it endless opportunities for driving our Packard cars. I know I have never, ever before said this

but we are so lucky to live in the San Diego region. I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Easter Sunday with family and friends, remembering the reason for the season.

Life certainly does throw many challenges at us. Fire, flood (well, maybe NOT this one), family crises, job, health, etc. It can be demanding and painful. But life also offers many wonderful things, like weddings, grandchildren, days at the beach, precious gatherings with family and friends. One of the constants in our lives are our Packard cars. My Packard helps me through tough times. Who can feel sad whilst sitting behind the wheel and feeling the breeze on our cheeks? Just look at the smiles on the faces of adoring crowds as we drive by. The car brightens their lives, too. During good times the Packard adds that much more joy. People want to see it, take photos, pose, ask questions, ride. How can such an inanimate object create such magic? This is a mystery that itself would be the subject of quite a treatise. And we are a part of that magic. We bring it every time our Packard leaves the garage and ventures out.

As I write we are on the cusp of yet more exciting events. Wine tasting is right around the corner (oops, yet another car related cliché). La Jolla Concours is fast approaching. Motorcars on Main follows right behind. The hits keep right on coming. Let's not forget the Pierce Arrow Club overnight event to Borrego Springs. The frequency and quality of events is top drawer, leaving one breathless. My fond wish is to see as many of you as possible at these events, cars gleaming, smiles broad and proud.



**1929 645 Dual Cowl Phaeton. Mrs. Elaine Lang posing with her Packard**

Don't forget the tour to Borrego Springs April 16 and 17, 2016. If you have not done so already call Kristen Shoberg @ 858-271-6299. Call 760-767-5700 for room reservation. Deadline was March 25, 2016 but you might still get a room at the reduced price. When calling mention the Pierce-Arrow Society

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## FIDDLER ON THE ROOF



Lawrence wasn't really there in person nor was his band however the San Diego Packard Club was. It was a beautiful day after a nice rain and we enjoyed a nice brunch and a great production of ***Fiddler on the Roof***.



I know most of if not all have seen a buffet line but this one is special. There was an omelet and fettuccini Alfaro station set up making omelets and fettuccini Alfaro to die for. The brunch is better than the dinner buffet in my opinion. We had our own private area with our very own server. He was a BMW driver and was a "car guy"

**It was difficult to get everyone in the photos at the same time as people kept leaving the table to hit the buffet line again.**

Tevye "the dairy man" continued his struggle with five strong willed daughters while trying desperately to maintain the family's Jewish faith and tradition. The theme song of this production is Tradition and as in real life the traditions are challenged and changed. The play had a happy ending whereas the original story written by Sholem Aleichem did not. In fact it was pretty tragic and the musical version was most likely modified to make it more acceptable to the public.



Tevye got three of his eligible daughters married off, not to the men he had selected, the Tsar of Russia kicked them out of their home, town and country. One daughter and her husband were banished to Siberia, one married a Russian soldier and the rest went to America and lived happily ever after or so we assume.

## MOTORCARS ON MAIN STREET

S. Ross

Although not a scheduled club event over the past few years club members have attended this car show in Coronado and we have gone over to the Del Coronado for lunch. There has always been a good turnout for this show and we all enjoyed the day. For those who have not attended this show it is a low key fun event with a lot of interesting cars. Several of our Packards have been winners at this show. Vital information is:

**DATE: Sunday, April 24. TIME: Stage cars 7:00 am to 9:30 am. WHERE: Isabella & Orange Ave, Coronado, CA. Below is the registration form.**

### ENTRY CATEGORIES:

All entries will be judged for **Best of Show**, "Bad to the Bone", largest **Club Participation**, **Coronado Mayor's Choice** (Coronado residents only) in addition to **ONE** category below.

**Check One:**

#### CONVERTIBLE:

Original &/or Restored 1972 & Older  
 Modified 1972 & Older  
 Street Rod 1972 & Older

#### TRUCK:

Original &/or Restored 1972 & Older  
 Modified 1972 & Older  
 Street Rod 1972 & Older

#### ALL OTHER VEHICLES:

##### Original &/or Restored:

1945 & Older  
 1946 to 1959  
 1960 to 1972

##### Modified:

1945 & Older  
 1946 to 1959  
 1960 to 1972

##### Street Rod:

1954 & Older  
 1955 to 1972

##### Hot Rod - Real Steel:

1940 & Older  
 Replica/Kit

Judging will be compiled on a 75 point system divided between 1) Paint & Body; 2) Interior; and 3) Engine.

NOTE: Engine compartment must be visible to be judged. Vehicles displaying "For Sale" signs will not be judged.

**Please Print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Car Club(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Select T-Shirt Size (*one free per pre-registration*):

S  M  L  XL  2X  3X

Pre-order additional T-Shirt(s):

S-XL \$20 ea; 2X \$22 ea; 3X \$25 ea.

S  M  L  XL  2X  3X

**Please read and sign:** As a participant in Motorcars on MainStreet 2016, the undersigned agrees to hold harmless Coronado MainStreet Ltd., the City of Coronado and/or any representative associated with Motorcars on MainStreet 2016 from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims of any kind whatsoever that may be suffered by/from any entrant to his/her person or property.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Coronado MainStreet Ltd. & mail to: 1013 Park Place Coronado, CA 92118 Attn: MotorCars

**If you are interested in attending this show and going to lunch please let Steve Ross know at 619-508-3925 or [inewsx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobal.net)**

# SATURDAY MAY 14. 2016



Ron Steffey has invited us to his home for the kick off tour of the wineries of Temecula Valley. We will visit a few vineyards and have lunch at one the wineries selected by Ron. The drive is relaxing and the scenery is great.

The particulars are: WHEN: Saturday May 14, 2016

TIME: 10:00 am

WHERE: 11876 Rancho Heights Rd., Pala, Ca.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND BY CONTACTING STEVE ROSS BY MAY 11, 2016 AT [inewsx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobal.net) OR 619-508-39**

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## “Ask The Man Who Owns One”

Brian Wagner

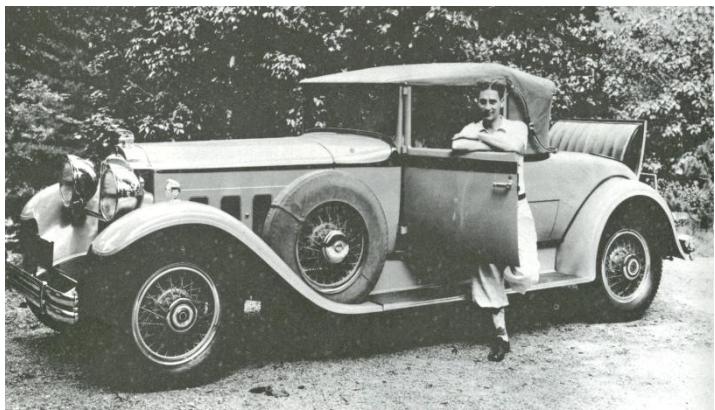
*The Packard Motor Car Company was founded in 1899 in Warren, Ohio as the New York & Ohio Automobile Company. James Ward Packard founded the company after purchasing a Winton in 1898, which left him very dissatisfied. When he brought the car back to Winton, they told him that if he was so smart, he could build a car himself.*

James Ward Packard built the first Packard car with his brother in their electric bell and lamp factory. The first car was completed in November of 1899.

The first advertisement to use the slogan, “Ask The Man Who Owns One,” came in October of 1901. At that time, Packard already had a prestigious owner with New York millionaire William D. Rockefeller who used to previously drive Winton cars.

The origin of how the slogan came about has coalesced around the story of the secretary of J.W. Packard saying to him, “Here’s a letter from a man who wants information about the dependability of Packard cars.” Mr. Packard replied, “Since we have no sales literature yet, tell him to just “ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE.”

Here are some other well-known men and women who have “owned one”:



**Groucho Marx with his 1930 Model 740 convertible coupe before going to California to make movies for Paramount**



**Bettie Davis and her Packard 12**



**Al Jolson and a 32 Packard Roadster ??**



**The actress Grace Valentine in an expensive looking Packard**



**Errol Flynn and his 1933 Packard**



**Jimmie Stewart with his Mother and her Packard. Looks like a 1937 "120"**

# THE PREMIER EVENT OF 2016: CRUISIN' GRAND IN ESCONDIDO, Friday June 19, 2016



It is time to start getting ready for the San Diego Packards Region's event of the year Crusin Grand in Escondido Ca. People have already started asking us if we will be there again this year. You will have the opportunity to:



Have your Packard and you on Television.



View a world class award winning Pierce-Arrow as well as an ----



award winning all original 1948 Packard Woodie Station Sedan and an award winning 1934 Touring Sedan and much much more



More detailed information will be presented in the May issue of your Predictor so stay tuned. If you have a Packard, Pierce-Arrow or just like cars and car people come out to the big show.

## IN THE SPOT LIGHT

It is always a great pleasure to tell the story of people who have worked hard putting time and effort into a project and are finally rewarded for their effort. This month we have two Packard club members who have Done Good!



**Tim is standing behind his car.**

The March, 2016 Classic Car Club of America's (CCCA) Grand Classic at the Inn in Rancho Santa Fe in Rancho Santa Fe, California honored two of our Packard Club members. The first being Tom Pestotnik and his 1934 Packard "1101" Roadster. Tim won first in class scoring a 98.75 points out of a possible 100 points. A two year restoration was completed over a year ago and it is significant to note that Tim has done a lot of work on the car himself while leaving the "big" stuff to the pros. This Packard has been a labor of love for Tim over the past four years. It is significant to note that Tim has done a lot of work on the car himself while leaving the "big" stuff to the pros. He did those little things that go toward putting one over the top so to speak. As with all judged classic or vintage car shows recognition is slow to come and that final tweaking is really never complete. Competition is very stiff at concours and major car club shows. Tim has entered several shows and motor vehicle events receiving some recognition but, not that big one we all strive for. The quality of automobiles at a CCCA Grand Classic are always extremely high and therefore very competitive. Tim has dealt with quite a lot of frustration and his patience and effort has finally paid off. As Tim told Richard Schauer at a show last year, "I believe in bringing history to life. Restoring a car is a labor of love. It is an awesome responsibility".

I feel confident in saying that Tim is either working on correcting those pesky 1.25 points or most likely has already corrected them and he is looking for those other minuscule details that the next judge may find.



**CONGRATULATIONS TIM**



**The gentleman in all the photos is Tom**

Our other big winner at the March, 2016 Classic Car Club of America's (CCCA) Grand Classic at the Inn in Rancho Santa Fe in Rancho Santa Fe, California was Tom O'Hara. Tom's 1934 1101 Sports Phaeton scored a perfect 100 points! Where does one go from here?? Well I bet you that Tom continues to fine tune this beauty. Like Tim, Tom has been chasing the elusive award at numerous car shows and the prestigious Concours d'Elegance shows for the past three of four years. All we can say is that this Packard on this day was flawless. Winning big at a car show doesn't give a man or women the opportunity to rest on their laurels unless one chooses to drop out of the competition. I have shared in Tom's frustration after many of the car shows we have participated in. The photos above were taken at the Coronado and the La Jolla Concours d'Elegance in past years. The following is taken from the August 2015 edition of a Predictor article written by Richard Schauer.



Tom O'Hara brought his 1934 standard 8 Dietrich convertible sedan, serial 723-82 over five years ago. Tom bought it from a man in Chicago who spent a fortune restoring it and then ran out of money (Ed. *where have we heard this before?*). Historically Tom researched the Dietrich's origin and found it was bought by the president of Uruguay. Later it was used as a taxi cab! It made its way back to the USA into the hands of a Texan. The car has been around. Today its gleams, and Tom keeps winning awards. When one of our members wins, we all swell with pride.

I second the statement by Richard that we are all proud and happy when one of our club member's Packard or one of their other automobile for that matter win something. Those of us who have shown our automobiles have experienced the frustration and disappointment when we don't win. It is difficult to get past the feeling that those people did not like my car and liked someone else's better. There is no objectivity at all in this situation. It is 100 percent subjective and personal dam it!! No matter how hard you try deep down this is how one feels. We

also have some understanding and appreciation of the labor, time, and of course money dedicated to making this automobile one of the best. As Mr. Jay Leno said it is worthy of note when the owner has performed some of the work themselves, has done the detailing, drives the car and actually knows something about it. It is not unusual at a concours for the owner to have very little to no idea of the specifications of the car, barely knows how to drive it and had all the work, including detailing, performed by a professional restoration shop. These two gentlemen do not fit into this category.

Is the next stop for the stop for these two Packards Pebble Beach? I think from a restoration stand point they are ready.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TOM**

## AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS REPORT



**Best in class 32-34 Le Baron Speedster**



**Amelia Island Award 1934 Stationary Coupe by Dietrich**



**1931 Roadster pre 1932 Amelia Island Award**



**Meguiar's Best finish Award 1929 Dual Cowl phaeton**

**1934 1107 Convertible Victoria. Amelia Award. Photo taken at Pebble Beach 2015 where it was a winner. [autocontentexp.com](http://autocontentexp.com)**



**1934 Convertible winner of the Bob Turnquist**

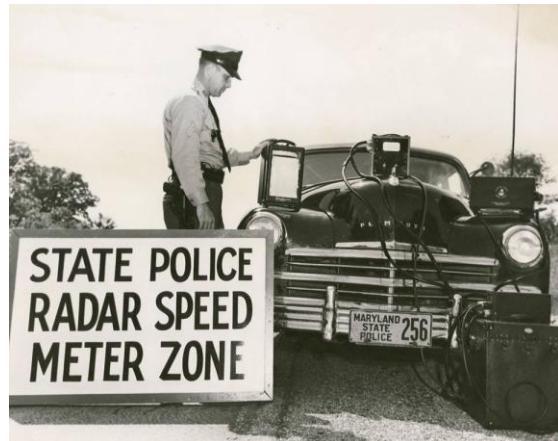
**Award This photo was taken at Pebble in 2013 when this Packard won Best in show.** Photo by Matt Litwin.

There are several Amelia Island Awards given to various makes models and years of automobiles shown thus making it confusing.

## GOOD OLE DAYS?

Those days of yore we are always talking about

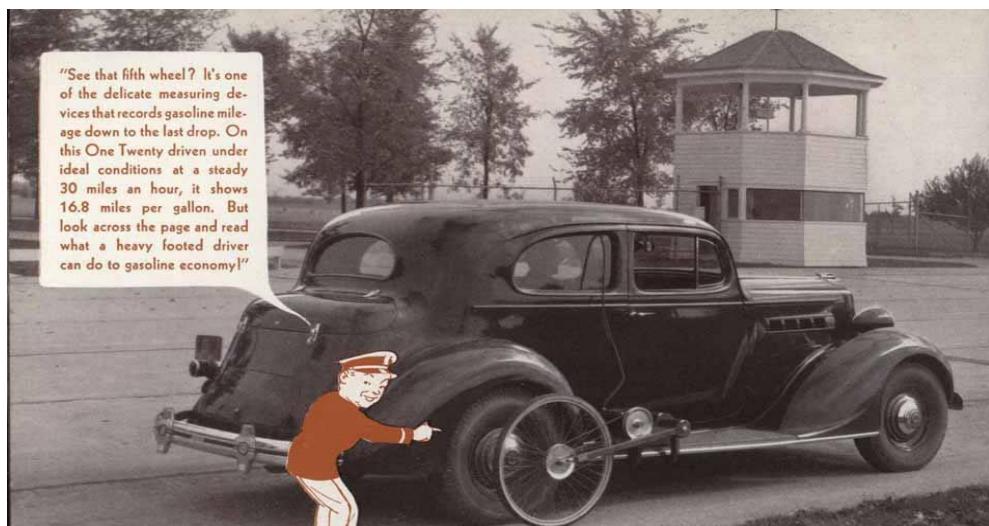
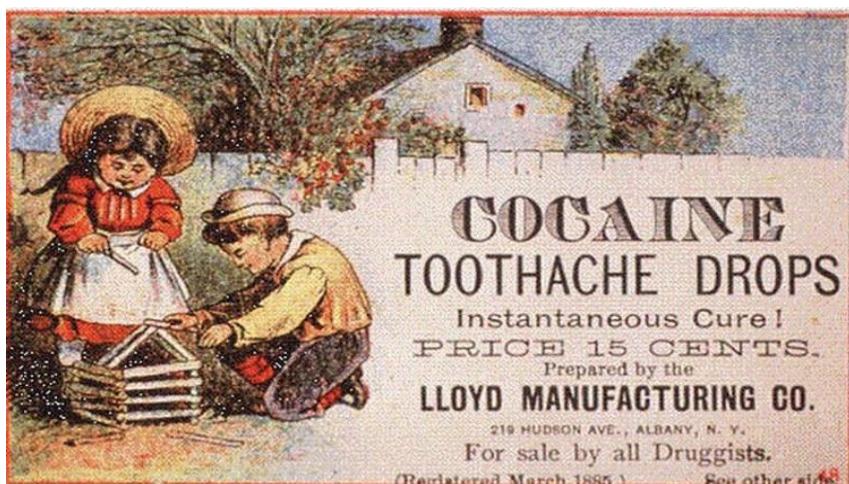
I have no idea what is gong on here. We can all speculate together. Circus maybe



Early 50ies. The car looks to be a 49 Plymouth. Wonder how long it took to set this up? These were the days when there was a radar car and a separate chase car.



Pumping some of John D. Rockefellers Red Crown gasoline. Lady is dressed for the occasion. Attire seems designed for a motorcycle. That may not be her car.



Tooth ache cure in 1885. As with most of the products in this era, it cured more than just a tooth ache.

Packard proving grounds 1935? Apparently Packard was proud of getting 16.8 miles per gallon at 30 MPH. 30 mpg was probably a fairly appropriate speed in the thirties. Now I understand why Buttercup gets a solid 10 mpg.

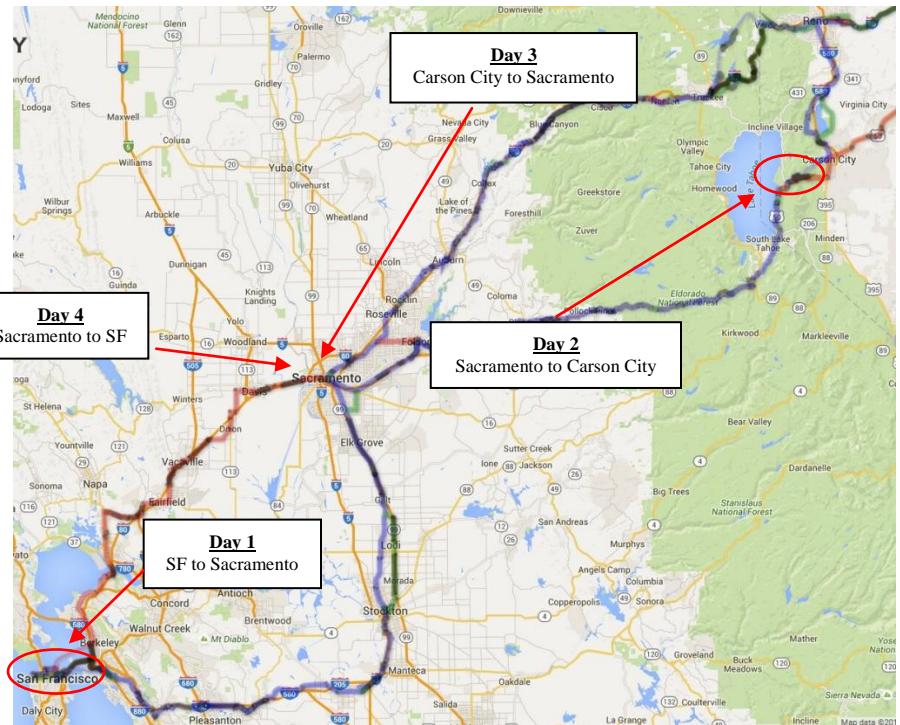
## - TOUR ANNOUNCEMENT -

### The 2016 California Lincoln Highway Classic Car Tour

Sponsored by: *The San Diego Region of Packards International Motor Car Club*

Join fellow classic car owners on the California Lincoln Highway Classic Car Tour as we drive original alignments of the highway from San Francisco, CA to Carson City, NV and back to San Francisco September 23 to 26, 2016. Antique cars, classics, '50s & '60s cars, muscle cars, trucks, motorcycles, and street rods are welcome to participate.

We'll gather the evening of Thursday, September 22, 2016 near the western



terminus of the Lincoln Highway - for an opening banquet and a chance to get acquainted to those with whom you will be traveling, or possibly renew old friendships from previous tours. We will depart from the western terminus at 8:00 am the next morning. After traveling through the state's agricultural Central Valley you'll drive through historic gold country and the magnificent Sierra Nevada Mountains before arriving in Carson City at the end of day 2. We then take an entirely different alignment back to San Francisco, driving over Donner Pass on day 3.

We are extremely fortunate to have as our Tour Guide, Mr. Paul Gilger, Chair of The Lincoln Highway Association's Mapping Committee. Paul was Tour Guide for a number of cross country tours on the Lincoln Highway – most recently for the Centennial Tour in 2013 and the Henry B. Joy Tour in 2015. His knowledge of the Lincoln Highway, particularly in California, is second to none.

The San Diego Region of Packards International Motor Car Club will make all arrangements – from the tour kick-off dinner in San Francisco on the evening of September 22<sup>nd</sup> to the final farewell banquet on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Hotel reservations for the nights of September 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> will be included. Specific details, including pricing, will be announced on or before April 1, 2016.

The idea of the Lincoln Highway came from the fertile mind of Carl Fisher, the man also responsible for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Miami Beach. With help from fellow industrialists Frank Seiberling and Henry Joy, an improved, hard-surfaced road was envisioned that would stretch almost 3400 miles from coast to coast, New York to San Francisco, over the shortest practical route. Henry Joy named it the Lincoln Highway and it opened in 1913. Americans' enthusiasm for good roads soon led to the involvement of the federal government in building roads and the creation of numbered U.S. routes in the 1920s. The Federal Highway Administration

and the Interstate Highway System are the culmination of these efforts. This tour will follow the original 1913 alignment of the Lincoln Highway and a subsequent re-alignment made in the 1920s.

Below is a look at the (tentative) day-by-day schedule we've assembled so far. Note that the itinerary is subject to change as we are just beginning negotiations with restaurants, hotels, and museums for dates and rates. The route is firm; it's the stops and hotels along the way that may change. The final schedule of stops and hotels will be available at this URL on April 1<sup>st</sup>: [www.packardsandiego.com/lincolnhighwaytour](http://www.packardsandiego.com/lincolnhighwaytour)

## Thursday September 22:

## **San Francisco, California Pre-tour Gathering & Dinner**

Pre-tour dinner San Francisco, CA  
Pre-tour hotel Holiday Inn Express · San Francisco, CA

## Day 1 — Friday September 23:

## **San Francisco, California → Sacramento, California**

Starting point	Lincoln Highway Western Terminus Marker in Lincoln Park
Morning Stop	Blackhawk Automotive Museum · Danville CA
Lunch Stop	Danville, CA
Afternoon stop #1	Duarte Garage & Lincoln Highway Museum · Livermore CA
Photo Stop #1	Summit Garage · Altamont Pass CA
Photo Stop #2	Lincoln Shopping Center Sign · Stockton CA
Afternoon stop #2	Elk Grove Hotel & Stagecoach Stop Museum- Elk Grove CA
Dinner stop	California Automobile Museum · Sacramento CA
Hotel stop	Holiday Inn: Sacramento CA

## **Day 2 — Saturday September 24:**

## **Sacramento, California → Carson City, Nevada**

Morning Stop #1 Rancho Cordova, CA  
Lunch Stop Placerville, CA  
Afternoon Stop Taller Historic Site · South Lake Tahoe CA  
Photo Stop #1 Bowers Mansion · Carson City NV  
Photo Stop #2 Lincoln Highway Marker Carson City, Nevada  
Dinner Stop Carson City, NV  
Hotel Stop Holiday Inn Express Carson City, NV

## Day 3 — Sunday, September 25:

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## Carson City, Nevada to Sacramento, California

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Morning Stop:	National Automobile Museum / Harrah Collection · Reno, NV
Photo Stop #1	Rainbow Bridge · Donner Pass, CA
Lunch Stop	Donner Ski Ranch · Donner Pass, CA
Photo Stop #2	Forest Gift Shop & Orange Juice Stand · Cisco Grove, CA
Photo Stop #3	Auburn City Hall / Original Lincoln Highway Marker · Auburn, CA
Photo Stop #4	Lincoln Highway Monument on Ophir Road · Auburn, CA
Dinner stop	Sacramento, CA
Hotel stop	Holiday Inn · Sacramento CA

## Day 4 — Monday, September 26:

## **Sacramento, California to San Francisco, California**

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Morning Stop	TBD
Photo Stop	TBD
Lunch Stop	Dead Fish Restaurant · Crockett, CA
Afternoon Stop	<i>USS Hornet</i> Museum · Alameda, CA

## **MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE TOUR**

Time will be available to allow you to visit antique shops, scenic vistas, and points of interest along the way that catch your eye. Tour fees are flexible to allow you to participate in all or part of the tour as your time permits. You can join us for as little as two days, for its entire length, or any amount in between. Mileage is less than 175 miles per day to allow time to be a tourist, and to enjoy the pace of some of the older cars. The tour will provide an experienced support team consisting of a Tour Guide, Tour Director, and a sweep truck on hand in the event of a breakdown or other problem you might encounter. Fees do not include lodging. Discounted rates will be secured for hotels in our overnight locations. Hotel reservations will be made by the tour staff after your registration is received.

## **ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

- 1) For participants that live in Southern California, we will offer the following options if there is adequate interest:
  - a. Tour extension to cover driving from LA area to San Francisco and back
  - b. Pre-arranged transport of your car to San Francisco and back to southern Calif
  - c. Ability to leave at the half way point (Carson City) and drive home via U.S. 395
- 2) Payment will be required by September 1, 2016; cancellations with refund must also be made by September 1, 2016.
- 3) The fee for the tour includes all meals and museum stops for one person. There will be an additional per-person fee to cover meals and museum admission for additional riders in each car.
- 4) Specifically, the registration fee covers:
  - a. Ability to make host hotel reservations at discounted rates (with free continental breakfast every morning)
  - b. Lunch every noon
  - c. Dinner every evening
  - d. Discount entry fees for the museum stops
  - e. Name badge/events pass
  - f. Detailed driving instructions (required as staying on the original alignments isn't easy)
- 5) A sweep truck will be provided starting in San Francisco, accompanying the tour to Carson City, and returning to San Francisco.
- 6) Pre-1971 antique/classic cars, trucks and motorcycles are encouraged to participate. Vehicles made after 1971 will be accepted as well. There will be a discount for each pre-1971 vehicle entered. No other discounts (e.g. senior, group, etc.) will be offered.
- 7) Hotel reservations will be made for all participants, but it will be the responsibility of each participant to handle payment during check-in at the hotel. (Note: Tour participants are not required to stay at the host hotels, but we highly encourage that you do, to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie - and the free continental breakfasts).
- 8) Tour participation will be limited to a maximum of 50 cars (which will be roughly 100 people). It is very difficult to book hotel rooms and make restaurant reservations for groups larger than this.
- 9) Full details, including pricing and registration information will be available by April 1<sup>st</sup> at:  
[www.packardsandiego.com/lincolnhighwaytour](http://www.packardsandiego.com/lincolnhighwaytour)
- 10) For more information:
  - a. Email: [info@packardsandiego.com](mailto:info@packardsandiego.com)
  - b. Phone:
    - i. Mark Burnside, Tour Director, 619-322-9340
    - ii. Steve Ross, Assistant Tour Director, 619-508-3925

# 2016 Activities Calendar

Listed below is the 2016 calendar of officially sponsored events by the San Diego Region of Packards International MotorCar Club. Also included are National PI events sponsored by PI headquarters or one of its regions. You must be a member of Packards International to attend officially sponsored events.

Click on any of the event descriptions shown in blue text to see more information about the location or setting of the tour.

April	16-17	<a href="#">Driving Tour to Borrego Springs w/ Pierce Arrow Club</a>	Borrego Springs	Richard Schauer
May	14	<a href="#">Winery Tour with Ron Steffey</a>	Temecula	Richard Schauer
June	17	<a href="#">Parade of Packards @ Escondido's Cruisin' Grand</a>	Escondido	Mark Burnside
July	16	<a href="#">Rallye &amp; Lunch with Mercedes-Benz Club</a>	South County	Steve Ross
August	TBD	<a href="#">Gillespie Field Museum</a>	El Cajon	Scott Napora
September	23-26	<a href="#">2016 Lincoln Highway California Classic Car Tour</a>	Carson City, NV	Mark Burnside Steve Ross
October	8	<a href="#">Harbor Cruise &amp; Lunch at Yacht Club</a>	San Diego	Marjo Miller
November	19	<a href="#">Wash &amp; Shine Classic Car Show @ Leo Carrillo Ranch</a>	Carlsbad	Phil Pizzuto
December	4	<a href="#">Annual Region Christmas Party @ Lazy H Ranch</a>	Valley Center	Steve Ross
Jan (2017)	1	<a href="#">Brunch at Hotel del Coronado</a>	Coronado	Steve Ross